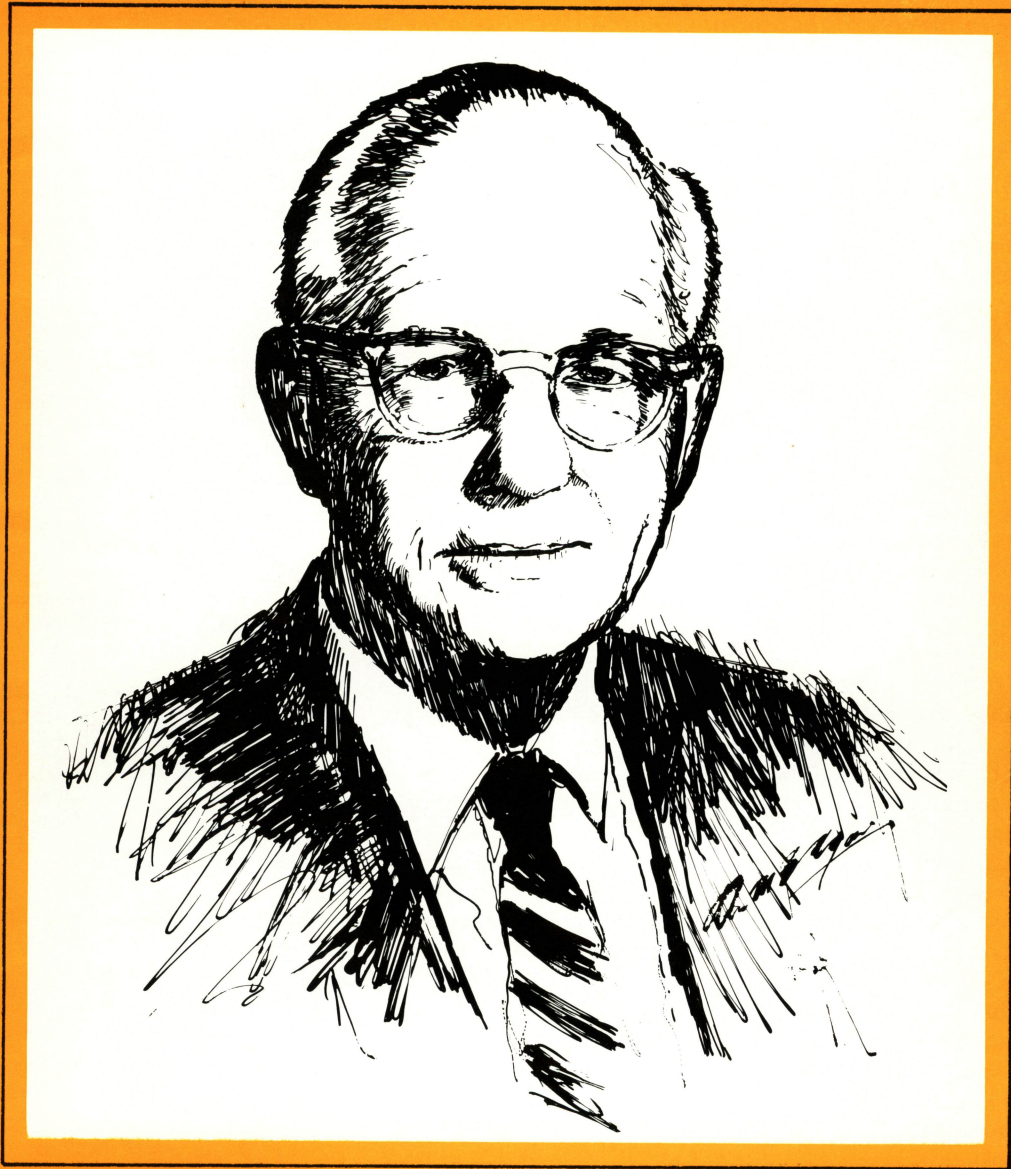


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"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper" (Psalm 1:1-3).

The above verses from Psalm 1 describe a man who has wholly committed himself to the Lord's service. It has been my privilege and the privilege of the Washington Bible College family to know and enjoy such a man as this, **George A. Miles**. He has served for 39 years as President of the Washington Bible College and for 25 years as President of the Capital Bible Seminary. This is the longest period of service of any college president in the United States. He is a man who has continually sought the Lord's counsel and will for his own life and for this school. As a result he has made some unpopular but courageous decisions, which have kept the instruction here true to the Word of God.

His delight has truly been in the law of the Lord. Others may have more degrees behind their names, but President Miles has majored in the Scriptures and this becomes very evident as he rightly divides the Word of truth. His leadership in Bible study has set the standard for the faculty, staff, graduates and students of the school. He has also been an example to his family. His wife Ruth served faithfully along with him at WBC and CBS. His daughters and their husbands have also had a vital part in the life of the school.

The stewardship of President Miles as the leader of WBC has brought forth much fruit in the lives of men and women who have passed through this school. Their lives have prospered as they have served the Lord on the mission field, in the pastorate, in Christian education, in music and other areas of Christian service. His constant emphasis on missions and evangelism has resulted in many WBC and CBS graduates in these areas of service. His season of fruitfulness has been long and still continues here at WBC.

Isaiah the prophet points out that without a vision the people perish. One of President Miles' outstanding characteristics is his vision. As a result, WBC and CBS are not only training many on the campus in Lanham, but also at the extension Bible Institutes in Norfolk, Virginia, and as far away as Nigeria, West Africa. The Adult Education program and popular Bible classes are also areas of ministry which have blessed many Christians in the Washington area, in neighboring states, and throughout the northeast.

There has also been a vision for developing the Lanham campus as well as the school and hospital in Nigeria. Since President Miles has a degree in civil engineering and was employed by the U.S. Government for over 15 years as an engineer, he has used his talents in the detailed planning of each new building on the campus.

The greatest impact, however, of George Miles' life is in the lives of the faculty, staff and students who have been a part of this school. *"Blessed is the man whose delight is in the law of the Lord."* May the Lord continue to bless our beloved President as he moves on to new areas of service for Him.

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Knowing GOD

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Some Reflections on 1 John 2

I know God." These words are perhaps the most profound utterance a human being can make. Yet they are also the testimony of every true believer in Jesus Christ, for the essence of Christianity is found in a personal relationship with God through Christ. At its most basic level, Christianity is not *doing something*; it is *knowing someone*. Jesus, in His priestly prayer recorded in John 17, said, "And this is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou has sent" (NASB). The Christian, therefore, is one who humbly declares, "I know God."

But it is possible to recite profound truths with the lips, and belie those words with the life. One may profess knowledge of God by words, on the one hand, and utterly fail to demonstrate knowledge of God by his life, on the other hand. The Apostle John lived in a day when there were many whose lives reflected the emptiness of their profession. In his First Epistle, he consistently emphasizes that three things will characterize those who have truly come to know God. Knowledge of God produces, first, a growing righteousness in the personal life; second, a loving attitude in interpersonal relationships; and third, a faithful commitment to the truth of God's revelation. These three emphases may be seen throughout 1 John, but are especially stressed in chapter two.

A LIFE GROWING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

By the end of the first century, the church was struggling with a form of heresy which has come to be called

Gnosticism. Among other things, this error sometimes taught that the body and any evil practices which might be associated with it were totally separate and distinct from the spiritual aspect of

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man which alone was capable of fellowship with God. Although the flesh was intrinsically evil, the spiritual part of man was not responsible for sinful tendencies. Rather, they believed that the good in man was trapped in an evil body, and that the goal of salvation was to liberate the spirit from the prison of the body that it might return to God. Therefore, one could "know God" in his spirit, and at the same time live wantonly in his flesh, without feeling any inconsistency or contradiction.

It is this sort of idea that John warns against in 2:4: "The one who says, 'I have come to know him,' and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." As an antidote to this error, John goes on to insist that righteousness, as expressed by the obeying of the commands of Scripture, is a product of true knowledge of God. He says, "By this we know that we are in Him: the

one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked" (2:5b-6).

One who truly knows God, then, will find that there is evidence of that knowledge in the desire to be obedient to God's expressed will. John predicates this fact upon a characteristic of the person of God: "God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all" (1:5). A basic characteristic of light is that it dispels darkness. The person who has really come to know the God Who is light will find that the darkness of his former life will be gradually expelled by the presence of that light. On the other hand, John says, "If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth" (1:6). To know God is to experience the life-transforming power of His indwelling presence.

The story is told of a certain amount of confusion that existed with regard to the identity of Dr. C. I. Scofield, the well-known Bible teacher of an earlier generation, and another Dr. Scofield, who was a practicing physician. One lady, upon being introduced to the Bible teacher, revealed her confusion by asking, "Are you the Dr. Scofield who *preaches* or the one who *practices*?" Amused, Dr. Scofield expressed his hope that he both *preached* and *practiced*! Certainly the one who proclaims that he knows God should be one whose life is characterized by a growing righteousness produced by the presence of God's Spirit in his life.

A LOVING ATTITUDE IN INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

A second characteristic of one who

truly knows God is a loving spirit. Conversely, it is inconceivable that one should love God and hate his brother simultaneously. In 2:9-10, John says, "The one who says he is in the light and yet hates his brother is in the darkness until now. The one who loves his brother abides in the light and there is no cause for stumbling in him." In his attitude towards others, the Christian's behavior is mandated by a divine imperative to love. It is interesting that John refers to this love ethic as being rooted in God's "command" (2:7-8). So long as we

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regard love as purely emotional, we are apt to complain that an emotion cannot be *commanded*. This is true, of course. But love in the biblical sense is not just an emotion -- it can be a deliberate choice to involve oneself in a sacrificial action to help another in need. Love is a choice which may be made in obedience to God. Failure to love is a choice which is made in disobedience to God's expressed will. A sacrificial, loving response to others, John says, will typify those who have come to know God.

Failure to receive God's truth in this regard, John warns, will only lead to a progressively reduced capacity for God's light. "But the one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes" (2:11). Mammoth Cave National Park, in south-central Kentucky, contains large caverns below the surface of the earth. In streams which flow in the dark recesses of these caverns are found fish which, although they possess eye sockets, have no eyes. By living in perpetual darkness, they have lost the very capacity for sight. So it is, John warns, for those who choose to live in the darkness of disobedience. That darkness will increasingly lead to greater blindness with regard to God's truth.

A COMMITMENT TO THE TRUTH OF GOD'S REVELATION

Following a parenthetical section in

2:12-17, John warns of the presence of Christ-denying teachers who were seeking to deceive others (2:21-29). He focuses particularly upon the reality of the incarnation of Jesus. He says, "Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son" (2:22). In 4:2 John expands upon this, saying, "Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God." We know that in the early Christian period there were those who sought to maintain a distinction between the man Jesus and the divine Christ. Some believed that the Christ mysteriously came upon Jesus at His baptism and left Him as He hung upon the cross. They believed that hereby they were "protecting" God, Who as spirit could not be identified with a human being. But in taking this position they were striking at the very heart of biblical Christianity. That God assumed a human form in Jesus of Nazareth and vicariously bore in His body the penalty for sin is a basic and unalterable fact of the Christian message. To tamper with it is, in effect, to oppose God and reveal oneself as "antichrist" (2:18, 19, 22).

It is well to remind ourselves of the fact that there is an irreducible minimum to the biblical message. To differ with it is to place oneself outside the boundaries of orthodoxy. Christians may sincerely disagree on many areas of biblical interpretation which are not clearly resolved in Scripture. But basic truths, such as the reality of human sin, the identity of Jesus as the Son of God, Christ's death for our sins, the resurrection and ascension of our Lord, salvation as an unmerited gift of God appropriated by faith, are truths which all believers gladly affirm and confess. John uses the word "abide" (2:24,

"The one who loves his brother abides in the light and there is no cause for stumbling in Him."

27, 28) to describe our permanent and unswerving commitment to unchanging truths such as these. Such commitment to God's revelation gives evidence of our knowing God.

True knowledge of God may always be identified by these three characteristics: righteousness, love, and fidelity to scriptural truth.

CONCLUSION


Secular philosophers at best have claimed to know *about* God. Christians, on the other hand, profess to have personal and relational knowledge of God. This affirmation is much more than simple recitation of pious platitudes. True knowledge of God may always be identified by these three characteristics: righteousness, love, and fidelity to scriptural truth. It is against these characteristics that the claim to know God must be weighed. True profession will be reinforced by observable practice.

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Light from the Languages



The Abortion Issue & EXODUS 21:22

Todd S. Beall

Since abortion was legalized by the 1973 U. S. Supreme Court Decision, *Roe v. Wade*, the abortion issue has become one of the most hotly debated questions in this country. Many Christians have gone back to the Bible to find out what God says on abortion and the value of the unborn. Last year, as a part of his Master of Theology degree program at Capital Bible Seminary, Steve Waterhouse presented a thesis on this topic: "A Biblical Inquiry into the Value of the Unborn." One portion of this thesis dealt with the interpretation of Exodus 21:22-25 and its relationship to the abortion question. His discussion will form the basis of our treatment here.

TWO CONFLICTING TRANSLATIONS OF EXODUS 21:22

The interpretational problem of this passage may readily be seen by a comparison of the translation in two popular versions, the New American Standard Bible (NASB) and the New International Version (NIV):

NASB:

"And if men struggle with each other and strike a woman with child so that she has a miscarriage, yet there is no further injury, he shall surely be fined as the woman's husband may demand of him; and he shall pay as the judges decide. But if there is any further injury, then you shall appoint as a penalty life for life . . ."

NIV:

"If men who are fighting hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely but there is no serious injury, the offender must be fined whatever the woman's husband demands and the court allows. But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life . . ."

According to the NASB translation, the pregnant woman has a miscarriage, but if there is no further injury to the mother only a fine need be paid. If this translation is correct, then it would seem to imply that the life of a fetus is less important than the life of the

mother, and, in fact, is less than fully human. This position is, in fact, taken by numerous evangelicals. For example, Kenneth Kantzer states that "the Exodus 21:22-24 passage explicitly distinguishes the killing of a fetus from murder on the grounds that the fetus is not a human life" (W. O. Spitzer and C. L. Salor, eds., *Birth Control and the Christian*, p. 553). Similarly, Nancy Hardesty concludes from this passage that the fetus was not considered to be human life: "Exodus 21:22-25 explicitly distinguishes between destruction of a fetus and the killing of a person" ("Where Does Life Begin?" *Eternity* [Feb., 1971]:43).

Yet, the NIV translation leads to a strikingly different conclusion. According to this translation, the pregnant woman gives birth

Where does life begin?

prematurely -- i.e., the child is alive. If there is no injury to the child or the mother, then only a fine need be paid. Otherwise, in the case of injury to either, a more serious punishment is meted out: life for life, etc. If this translation is correct, then the life of the fetus would seem to be considered as important as the mother's (or at least as fully human), since the more serious punishment is given out if either the child in the womb or the mother is seriously harmed. Such is the position of many scholars including Meredith Kline, who states: "This law, found in Exodus 21:22-25, turns out to be perhaps the most decisive positive evidence in the Scripture that the fetus is to be regarded as a living person" ("Lex Talionis and the Human Fetus," *JETS* 20 [Sept., 1977]:193).

THE CORRECT TRANSLATION OF EXODUS 21:22

Which, then, is the correct translation of this passage? Without a knowledge of Hebrew, it is virtually impossible to decide whether the NASB or the NIV offers the better translation, since both translations fit well in the context. But here is a case where the knowledge of Hebrew greatly helps our decision. The key phrase in verse 22 is *wēyāṣē'û yēlādeyhā*, translated as "so that she has a miscarriage" in the NASB and "and she gives birth prematurely" in the NIV. Literally, the phrase means "and her children come out." A marginal note to this verse in the NASB also states this to be the literal meaning.

The use of yeled. The word *yeled* used in this passage is found 88 times in the Old Testament. It usually denotes a young child, but may also refer to a young man (as in Rehoboam's peers, 1 Kings 12:8-14), the young of animals (Job 38:41; 39:3; Isa. 11:7), offspring in general (Ruth 1:5), or a newborn infant (Exod. 1:17-18). Unless Exodus 21 is the only exception, *yeled* never denotes an unborn child in the Old Testament. It always refers to a person (or animal) that has already been born (as its derivation from the verb *yālad* "to bear, bring forth" would indicate).

Had Moses desired to indicate a miscarriage in Exodus 21:22,

he would probably have used some form of *šākal*, a verb which means "to be bereaved, to miscarry." This term is used for human miscarriage in Exodus 23:26, and animal miscarriage in Genesis 31:38 and Job 21:10. The related noun, *šakkûl*, is used to indicate miscarriage in Song of Solomon 4:2 and 6:6. If miscarriage was the intended meaning of Exodus 21:22, it is strange that *šākal* was not used, rather than *yeled*, since the latter nowhere else refers to an unborn child or a miscarriage.

The use of *yāšā*. While not as conclusive for the interpretation of Exodus 21:22-23 as the meaning of *yeled*, the use of *yāšā* in this passage should be mentioned. This verb literally means "go or come out." It occurs over 1000 times in the Old Testament in a wide variety of contexts, but is used twelve times to refer to children coming out of their mother's womb. In ten of these cases, the birth referred to by *yāšā* is a normal birth (for example, Jacob and Esau in Gen. 25:25-26). Twice, however, *yāšā* is used in conjunction with the birth of a stillborn child (Num. 12:12) or one who died during delivery (Job 3:11). In any case, *yāšā* is usually used in conjunction with a healthy birth, and is not used in connection with a miscarriage.

The death of the unborn child is to be regarded with the same gravity as the death of any human being.

CONCLUSION

It is concluded, based on the Hebrew phrase *wēyāšē'û yēlēdeyhā*, that Exodus 21:22 refers to the birth of a premature child, and not to a miscarriage. Hence, in this instance the NIV translation is superior to the NASB. The implications of these conclusions regarding Exodus 21:22 for the larger issue of abortion have already been made clear: the unborn may *not* be regarded as less than a human life on the basis of this passage of Scripture, since there is no distinction made between the punishment for the death/injury of the unborn and the death/injury of the mother. On the contrary, it is clear that the death of the unborn child is to be regarded with the same gravity as the death of any human being. God values the life of the unborn.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Scripture passages like Psalm 139 and Jeremiah 1:5 emphasize the inestimable value God places on human life, whether born or unborn. The Exodus 21:22 passage confirms these passages.

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6 REFLECTIONS

PRAISE AND PRAYER

We invite you to become involved in praying daily for the ministry of WBC and CBS. The following items are furnished to assist you in specific praise and prayer. If you would like to receive our monthly Prayer Steward Fellowship Bulletin write and request it. We need your consistent prayer support.

PRAISE

1. Thank the Lord for the increased enrollment in the College this semester. We pray that the student population in both the College and Seminary will greatly increase in the fall.
2. Praise the Lord for a very profitable visit by the Maryland State Board of Higher Education. The College and Seminary recently underwent the five-year accreditation re-evaluation. Pray for the upcoming visit in April by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. We are seeking candidate status for regional accreditation.
3. Rejoice with us in God's constant provision for the needs of the school, our students and our faculty and staff. There are always needs but we thank the Lord for meeting them in His time.

PRAYER

1. Pray for President Miles as he prepares for a trip to Africa in May. He will be ministering at the Bible and Missionary Theological College in Nigeria and with other alumni.
2. Pray for President-elect Dr. Harry E. Fletcher as he anticipates and assumes the presidency May 20. Pray for strength as he continues his pastoral responsibilities and also meets with students and staff on the campus weekly.
3. Pray for the financial needs of the school and our students:

Students -- Monthly tuition and fee payments.

Current Fund -- To meet operational costs, we need to receive \$42,000 in gifts each month. The need is very great at this time.

Debt Reduction -- Pray that the entire campus development debt will be met by May 19.

President George A. Miles



"The Theme Of My Life Is JESUS"

***"The theme of my life is Jesus
The delight of my soul is He
My Redeemer and Friend,
My joy to the end,
Triumphant, His glory I'll see."***

Here, in George Albert Miles' own words, is the story of his life. The words following will attempt to share with you, the reader, what so many have graciously shared with me, and they are written not to glorify Mr. Miles, but his precious Lord.

At the turn of the century in Wayland, Michigan, a town located about 25 miles south of Grand Rapids, Lester and Susie Miles were married and began their family. Nelson was first, followed by George, then Charles (Chuck), Ruth, Tressy, Avis, and John (not all of whom were born in Wayland). Lester owned and operated a lumber and coal yard, and while times were hard, he provided for his family. Lester was a remarkable man. He was a strict disciplinarian with little more than a grade school education. Yet he encouraged his children to succeed and to serve the Lord, and they did.

It was not unusual to find the three older boys helping their dad in his business. George was an especially hard worker and loved carpentry. The skills he learned from his father have served him well for many years. Though George worked hard, when he was tired, he could fall asleep anywhere. One Sunday afternoon,

when he was still quite young, he disappeared. (The Miles family could not find George anywhere.) After a thorough search of the property, he was discovered, fast asleep under an iron kettle, inside the hog pen!

When George was eleven, the family moved to Stevensville, Michigan. For a long time, Lester Miles had felt the call to the ministry. Susie had fears. There was a large family to provide for, and the ministry was uncertain. As she battled with her feelings, the preacher came to call. "Susie," he said, "I hope God won't have to take one of your children before you're willing!" "He won't," she answered, "I'm willing." Young George had come into the house during this conversation and heard his mother's reply. He was moved by her depth of love for her family and her surrender to the will of God. This was a remarkable step of faith his parents were taking -- an example George would emulate countless times in the years to follow.

It was here in Stevensville that George made a name for himself as "the fastest berry picker in town." His brothers and sisters say he always surpassed everyone at everything he did. He also worked at the local berry box factory, stapling boxes, and again he out-did everyone.

George was a good student. He had a natural curiosity that encouraged a thirst for knowledge. At times, however, that curiosity got him into trouble. Nelson remembers a time on a farm when he and George came upon a hornets' nest. They decided to see what would happen if they stood at a distance and threw stones at the nest. "It only took a few seconds to find out, and we took off," recalls Nelson.

In 1922 George entered Albion College to study engineering. A few years before he had told God that he

would do what He wanted him to do, as long as he could do it as an engineer. He roomed with Harold McCracken, and has kept in touch with him to this day. George studied earnestly and worked his way through college waiting tables and washing dishes in addition to his summer work at the berry box factory. College life wasn't all work, however. George always loved baseball and played on the college team. (Ask him how he got the name "Pinky.")

After graduation in 1926, he went on to the University of Michigan to get a degree in civil engineering. This training he would be thankful for many times. The Lord used this "modern day Nehemiah" to design churches and college buildings; help missionaries solve water and irrigation problems; and provide other engineering services to those in need of them, to the glory of God.

During his college years George remained very close to his family. He was always ready to help and willingly sacrificed to assist financially. His sister, Ruth, was in a serious accident while George was at the University. She relates that, "he never missed a weekend visiting me in the hospital. Yet during those six weeks he must have been very busy keeping up with work and studies." Throughout his life, George has been a generous man giving to his family both his time and his resources.

After graduating from the University in 1928, George went to California to work for the State Highway Commission. Then in July, 1930, he traveled to Washington, DC, to assume a position with the U. S. Government as a civil engineer. On his first Sunday in Washington, he visited a church where he became acquainted with a young man by the name of Gene Scheele. Gene invited George to attend a youth fellowship meeting later that week and then followed up his invitation with a postcard a few days later. That did it! George attended and kept attending. He loved to sing, so he became part of a male quartet. But the more involved he became, the greater his conviction grew. In his own words, "I professed to be a Christian but did not possess Christ." In March, 1931, however, that changed as George, tired of feeling like a hypocrite, accepted Christ.

This small space could never contain what the Lord has done with George Miles since his conversion. He immediately began to study -- to consume -- the Word of God and took advantage of every opportunity to spread the Gospel. These habits continue to this day. Some time after his conversion, George became very ill, so ill that his parents, brother John and sister Ruth came to see him when they thought he might not live. Later, he went home to Michigan for a few months to recuperate. He spent most of his time studying and holding Bible studies at home and in the area. (No one will ever accuse George Miles of resting too much!) His sister Avis remembers him as a source of spiritual strength during this special time, and John remembers how they all looked up to him. (George later was instrumental in John's salvation.) Whenever George went home, he talked of the things of the Lord. He was a fervent Christian, and together with his parents, was a strong spiritual influence on the other children.

When George returned to Washington, DC, he went right back to his activities. In addition to his job and service for the Lord, he played for a government league baseball team and made quite a name for himself by breaking old and setting new records. A dear friend of his describes him as "an intense man, always intensely active, with the things of the Lord always number one." A typical Sunday for George was Sunday School (usually teaching), church, dinner, then down to the chain gang to witness and share with the prisoners, then back to church or young peoples' meeting, and later a time of fellowship. He also became involved with the American Home Bible Institute during this period. "He'll slow down when he gets married," friends said.



Pictures (Left to Right)

Top Row -- Pres. Miles at the horseshoe pit; with his long time friend Rev. Ed Stelling; with his brothers and sisters and parents (he is #4 from the right).

Middle Row -- The Miles Family in front of their Arlington home; George and Ruth in 1938; on the baseball diamond in 1925.

Bottom Row -- The WBI student body in 1947.

In 1936 George became part-time president of AHBI. With his numerous responsibilities, he soon found that he needed a part-time secretary. Not long after, the Lord brought Ruth Crawford from Butler, PA, to Washington, DC. Ruth found a room with Miss Mary Hervey who was registrar of AHBI. Ruth had taught in a secretarial school and volunteered to work on Saturday mornings for the part-time president. At that time, George was teaching a Sunday School class for ladies 25-45 years old, which Ruth attended. Soon they began to date and often enjoyed bowling and young peoples' meetings on Saturday evenings with Fred Schuppe and other friends. George discovered that Ruth had a brilliant mind and a quiet spirit (he did not like "gregarious" women, as he

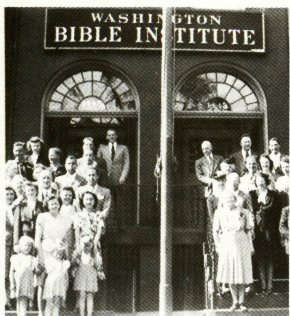
puts it). She filled a void in his life, and he provided a spiritual fulfillment for her. She had little Bible study and no assurance of salvation. During their courtship, her assurance was confirmed, and she began the first of many years of in-depth Bible study. On October 22, 1938, eighteen months after they met, they were married. George and Ruth were both 34 years old.

The next 43 years were busy ones for the Miles family. George and Ruth had six children, three boys died at birth or shortly after, and one twin daughter died of cancer in her teens. But George and Ruth delighted in their daughters, Grace and Martha. Their life as a family was a busy one and never boring. George was very involved in his church, Barcroft Bible Church. He designed and helped to build an addition to the old church. Friends remember one cold Thanksgiving day when volunteers were working on the addition. One by one, the helpers slipped away until George and Hinton Harris, the contractor, were the only ones left. George never knew when to quit. Often between church and school responsibilities, he was so tired he could hardly stay awake during church services. Yet, as long as he was not preaching somewhere else, he and his family were in Barcroft Church, Sunday morning, Sunday evening and Wednesday evening. Years later, when the new church was built (Barcroft's present building), George Miles was on the board and again gave many hours of volunteer labor to that project.

In the 1950's, when a new pastor was coming, he planned, and with help, practically rebuilt the parsonage. He also served twice as interim pastor and was on the board of elders for many years. He always was and still is ready to teach, even at a moment's notice. "... and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you ..." (1 Pet. 3:15). "He is a master of extemporaneous preaching," according to one friend. In January 1984 the board of elders of Barcroft Bible Church unanimously voted officially to confirm the ordination by God of George A. Miles, and on February 5, 1984, he, along with his son-in-law, Bob Evans, was ordained to further service.

In addition to his family and church responsibilities, George's job was also changing. In 1938 he became part-time president of the Washington Bible Institute, formed by the merger of the American Home Bible Institute, the Washington School of the Bible, and the Bible Institute of Washington. Then in 1945 he became full-time president of Washington Bible Institute. It was at this time that he left the security of his government job.

A government co-worker told him, "You're going to starve to death!", but like his father before him, he took that step of faith. In 1946 the Rhode Island Avenue property was purchased, and in 1956 the name was changed to Washington Bible College. Many times during those years, President Miles was the administrator, dean, Christian service director, teacher, janitor, and just about everything else. (That engineering training came in mighty handy on old pipes and furnaces!)



How does a family manage when Dad takes a step of faith and involves himself completely in God's work? They do just fine when Dad is in God's will and has a helpmeet like Ruth. According to Grace and Martha, as busy as Dad was, they rarely had to do without him because they were usually with him. Ruth and the girls were always part of George's life and ministry. They were in church as a family every Sunday and Wednesday, and they never missed the College monthly prayer meeting (although the girls liked the cookies afterward best!). If Dad had visits to make, Mom and the girls went, too.

He took time to play with Marty and Gracie and also methodically planned a program of Bible knowledge for them. He would decide what he wanted them to learn, then develop a system to teach it, and then make a plan for review. He was consistent, and the girls were unaware that this was education at its finest. For them, this was part of their lives, and it was fun!

Though finances were tight many times, the girls never knew it. God always provided their needs, often in a unique way. Martha remembers once when she and Gracie needed new coats. Some students from the College took them shopping and let them pick out the coats they wanted, and then paid for them! (Students then did not have any more than students now. This was a sacrifice of love.) The girls picked out green hooded coats lined with leopard fur. "Probably the most expensive in the store," Martha recalls. Those coats were really something, and so, thought the girls, were they!

George and Ruth really enjoyed their children. While praise was not given lightly, the girls never felt pressured. The Miles' happy marriage lent security to the home. "Our parents never gave us cause to accuse them of not living what they professed. They lived what they taught."

A lot of praise belongs to Ruth Miles. She was a consistent source of love and strength to her husband and family. George has said that she always supported him in everything. "She was the perfect helpmeet, always reading books on 'How to Help My Husband'." When God called her home on October 7, 1980, she left a great void but a far greater heritage and many happy memories.

One cannot tell the story of George Miles without the story of Washington Bible College. It has been said that an institution is the length and shadow of a man. When he retires on May 19, 1984, George Miles will have been president of Washington Bible College for almost 40 years. The American Association of Bible Colleges honored him at the banquet of their 37th annual meeting noting that "as far as can be determined, he has the longest tenure of any incumbent president of an American college or university." He was awarded a certificate which cited him for his leadership in the Bible college movement for the last 45 years. During his 40 years as president, WBC has gone from a Bible institute to a college with a graduate school, Capital Bible Seminary. It has spread from a few buildings in

downtown Washington, DC, to 63 wooded acres in Lanham, Maryland, and from a handful of students to over 600 in the College and Seminary. There are now extension colleges in Baltimore, Roanoke, and Norfolk. The Adult Education and Correspondence ministries reach almost 1100 people all over the United States. Washington Bible College and Capital Bible Seminary are also vitally involved in the Bible and Missionary Theological College in Nigeria. God has led each step of the way, preparing the hearts of men and women to give and to serve, and to Him we give the glory and praise. But God chose to use an instrument, and that instrument has been and continues to be George Miles.

The future George Miles plans is not unlike the past 80 years. As the Lord allows, his desire is to teach. Whether in classes, from the pulpit, or in conference ministries, he intends to continue to study and to share the Word of God. He also wants to spend more time with our local churches, especially those pastored by alumni, and be of service to them. And of course, he will continue to serve the College and Seminary in any way he can.

What has 80 years taught George Miles? "If we give ourselves wholly and unreservedly to the will of God, He will take care of us. 'God's callings are God's enablers' (Hudson Taylor)."

In truth, the theme of George Miles' life is -- Jesus!



Clockwise (top left) -- Pres. Miles taping a "Tidings Hour" broadcast; speaking in chapel at the Rhode Island Avenue school; at commencement on the front lawn of the campus in Lanham; Mr. & Mrs. Miles.

This article on President Miles was written by **Miss Chris Doerfler**. She serves as secretary to the Academic Dean and Dean of Students' Staff. She has been an employee of the College for nine years. Chris received her B.A. degree from WBC in 1975 and her M.Ed. degree from Bowie State College in 1982.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER INVITATION

You are invited to attend a testimonial dinner to honor **Rev. George A. Miles** on the occasion of his retirement as President of Washington Bible College and Capital Bible Seminary.

The evening will be one of praise and thanksgiving to the faithfulness of the Lord through his servant George Miles.

A special program with very special guests is planned.

To accommodate all those who desire to attend, the testimonial dinners will be conducted two nights.

We look forward to your presence to honor **President George A. Miles**.



Dates & Times: Friday, May 18, 6:45 P.M.
Saturday, May 19, 6:00 P.M.

Location: Wagner Center Auditorium
Lanham Campus

Cost: \$8.50 per person

Reservations: Deadline is May 11

Make your reservations by calling Mrs. Buzby at (301) 552-1400, Ext. 280, or by mailing your payment with a request for reservations. **Payment should be made by May 11.** Tickets may be picked up in advance or at the door the night of the dinner. **Tickets will not be mailed.**

Remember to indicate the night you desire to attend. Special reservations for groups are available (minimum table size of 18).

Retirement Tribute Update

In tribute to **President George A. Miles**, many individuals have contributed toward eliminating the 1.6 million dollar campus improvement indebtedness.

As of February 13, receipts have amounted to \$324,498.19. These gifts have enabled us to pay off the high interest bank mortgages. An additional \$141,085.00 is promised.

Join us in prayer and giving as we honor the faithful service and godly example of President George A. Miles.

We trust that the entire debt will be eliminated by **May 19**, the date of Mr. Miles' retirement.

Indicate that your gift is for **"Debt Retirement."**

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Family Focus

The News and Needs of the WBC/CBS Family



CHRISTMAS BUFFET AND CONCERT

The College Choir, Drama Club and Orchestra presented "Son of the Highest" on three consecutive evenings. Over 3,300 people made reservations to attend. The Women's Auxiliary, the sponsors of the program, presented to the audience their project which is to install a new public address system in Wagner Center Auditorium. About \$1,500 was received toward the \$3,500 goal.

MEXICO MINISTRY

Five college students travelled to Mexico at Christmas to involve themselves in ministry. Sponsored by the Student Missions Fellowship, they spent two weeks ministering with Operation Mobilization in the city of Ciudad Juarez. The team members were **Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Austin, David Genter, Damon Glassmoyer, and Yeo-Sup Park.**

STUDENT WIVES FELLOWSHIP

The Wives Fellowship of WBC/CBS has proven to be a great blessing to women who are preparing to serve with their husbands in the ministry. Some of their activities include: a weekly Bible study, craft workshops, monthly husband/wife fellowships, tape ministry, prayer hotline, monthly newsletter, handbook for married couples coming into the area plus many other areas of assistance to individuals, their families and the total WBC/CBS family community. Special appreciation goes to **Mrs. Pam Koerbel**, President of the Wives Fellowship, for her faithful leadership of this important organization.

COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND

May 18 and 19 are days you will want to be on campus. **Dr. Homer Heater**, Dean of Capital Bible Seminary, will speak at Baccalaureate on Friday at 10 A.M. **President George A. Miles** will speak at Commencement on Saturday morning. This will be his last official function before his retirement. In addition testimonial dinners will be held each night in honor of Mr. Miles' forty years of ministry at WBC. Make your plans now and be present for these exciting events.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE MARCH 28-30

The theme for the annual College missionary conference is "What's Gone Wrong with the Harvest?" According to the Student Missions Fellowship President, **John Foster**, "the goal is to challenge students to biblically define missions for themselves, and then by God's help to demonstrate it and bring honor and glory to Him." Some 20 missionaries will be participating in the conference. The keynote speakers will be **Dr. Herbert Kane**, internationally known missiologist, **Rev. Arthur Cavey**, veteran missionary to Brazil with Association of Baptists for World Evangelization and **Mr. Louis M. Felo**, alumnus and missionary to France with UFM, International.

You are invited to attend. Telephone the College Academic Dean's Office for information.

WHOSE WILL IS YOUR WILL?

Have you ever considered drawing a last will and testament? We would like to help you by sending a brochure, "The Christian and His Will." Simply write the Director of Business Affairs and ask for information on making a will.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

At a recent WBC chapel 37 individuals were awarded special scholarship assistance. The awards are based on academic standing, leadership qualities, musical ability, ministry, involvement in missions and need.

Also international students and children of Christian workers receive tuition assistance.

Many of these funds come from the operating budget of the school. Other funds are provided by friends in memory of loved ones and contributions to the general scholarship fund.

Approximately \$65,000 has been awarded to College and Seminary students this year. None of this money is government assistance.



BASKETBALL TEAM WINS

The basketball team finished the regular season with an overall record of 15 wins and 7 losses. They placed second in the North Atlantic Christian College Conference with a record of 9 and 3.

Congratulations to **Coach Wally Webster** and the Warriors for a fine season.



NEW MISSIONS DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENT

Dr. Joseph Spinella has been recently appointed Chairman of the Department of Missions. Dr. Spinella and his family have served the Lord in Venezuela with Orinoco River Mission and The Evangelical Alliance Mission. He has taught at two Bible institutes in Venezuela and has been a visiting professor at Moody Bible Institute and the School of World Missions. He is replacing Dr. Will Miller who is on a leave of absence ministering in Australia and New Zealand.



ENROLLMENT INCREASES

The spring semester brought an increase in the total College enrollment. The 529 students is an increase of 32 over the fall semester.

With an all-time high of 112 in the Seminary in the fall, enrollment has remained quite constant through the year.

We are looking for considerable increases next fall. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the latest catalog or you know a young person who should consider Bible education, please call or write the Admissions Office. Let's do all we can to make WBC and CBS better known.

1984-85 COSTS

The following costs will be in effect for the 1984-85 academic year. They reflect a very modest increase in tuition and board and a decrease in room costs.

	WBC	CBS
Tuition	\$ 89 per semester hour	\$ 91 per quarter hour 800 full time
Room	475 per semester	317 per quarter
Board	750 per semester	Optional
Fees	Prorated	15

CURRENT FUND NEEDS

In order to meet our operating budget, we need to receive \$42,000 per month in general gifts. At this point giving to this fund is running considerably behind budget. Will you pray and share as God leads you. Mark your gift, "Current Fund."



TEEN RETREAT, JUNE 8-9

The College will be hosting "Operation Challenge," a retreat for teenagers Friday and Saturday, June 8 and 9. It is an action-packed weekend full of fun and spiritual challenge. Individuals and entire youth groups are encouraged to attend this exciting event.

The cost is only \$12. This includes meals, overnight and all activities.

Write or call **Steve Coleman**, (301) 552-1400, Ext. 215, for more information.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

March

- 17 **All Day Seminar:** Hebrews
- 20-21 CBS Lectures: "Historical Background on Daniel, Esther, Ezra and Nehemiah"
Guest Lecturer: **Dr. Edwin Yamauchi**
- 28-30 **WBC Missionary Conference**

April

- 3 **WBC Answer:** Prospective Student Day
- 10-13 CBS Lectures: "Wisdom and the Pastoral Ministry"
Guest Lecturer: **Dr. David Jeremiah**
- 13 **Annual CBS Banquet**
- 27 **WBC Senior Honors Banquet**

May

- 18 Baccalaureate (10 A.M.)
- 19 **Testimonial Dinner for Mr. Miles**
Commencement (10 A.M.)
- 22 **Testimonial Dinner for Mr. Miles**
- 27 - June 9 WBC Summer Classes Begin (First Session)
- Holy Land Tour**

June

- 2 **Women's Auxiliary Brunch**
- 4 WBC Summer Classes Begin (Second Session)
Adult Education Classes Begin
- 8-9 **Operation Challenge Weekend** for Teens
- 23 **One-Day Bible Study Seminar**

ALUMNI UPDATE

1980 - 84

John Apeh (WBC '82), Gospel Team Outreach, Nigeria, conducted a crusade in December in a large town where he has been "literally stoned" for preaching the Gospel in the past. He asks prayer for wisdom in planning the curriculum for the newly proposed school - The Centre for World Missions.

Ernie (CBS '83, WBC '81) and **Rose (Rapinchuk, WBC '81) Baker** recently were accepted into membership with the Independent Fundamental Churches of America. Ernie pastors Bark Hill Bible Church, Union Bridge, MD.

Al (CBS '83) and **"Duke" (Schwarm, WBC '76) Butkovich**, Portugal Fellowship, Portugal, arrived in their new home in August and began a non-stop schedule. Al has been busy administrating the Sunday school and junior church programs at the Evangelical Christian Church as well as teaching religious education classes in a local British school. Duke is busy as principal at the International Christian School and is teaching 7th-8th graders.

Robert (CBS '80-'81) and **Nancy Cohen**, Oreland Baptist Church, PA, are pleased with their first year at Oreland. Many positive changes in the ministry have been encouraging, resulting in growth.

Robert (CBS '82) and **Audrey Davies** recently accepted the pastorate at Calvary Bible Church, Rutland, VT.

John "Jack" Ferguson (WBC '82), Good News Mission, FL, is excited with his ministry as chaplain of Brevard County jail in Titusville. He writes, "just today I was used of the Lord to lead an already convicted murderer (twice sentenced to death and waiting for a third death sentence) to the saving grace of the Lord Jesus! Yeah, I was a little scared but the Lord requires us to be bold and faithful in our witness . . ."

Tony (WBC '80) and **Jelena (Baker, WBC '78) Gomes**, Pocket Testament League, Appointees to Portugal, had the opportunity to share the Gospel with a family who lost a father and sister in a car accident. The mother, two sisters and brother-in-law received Christ as their Savior and are now involved in Bible study.

Becky Hornberger (WBC '83) is presently working as an office manager for a Christian attorney in Birmingham, AL, to pay off her college loan. She looks forward to the day she will become involved with missions.

Jean-Marc (WBC '80) and **Wanda LePillez**, Wheaton Grad School, IL, anticipate moving to France in July where Jean-Marc will serve as managing editor of a new Christian magazine in Paris.

Dale and Carin (Glenn) LeRoy (WBC '80), WEO, Papua New Guinea, were able to get some necessary tools to the workers on the Gobasi airstrip so that work could continue. They are also involved with a pastor's inservice/refresher course with the Pa pastors. Continue to pray for the Holy Spirit "to work in the hearts of the pastors to challenge them to press on under the discouraging circumstances of many years of indifference to the Gospel among the Pa people."

Jim (WBC '82) and **Faith Mack**, Children's Bible Mission/Camp Joy-El, PA, are grateful to the Lord for 40% monthly support provided to date. Pray with them as God grants them more opportunities to share their work.

Note: Faith is the first voice you hear when you call the College. She serves as our receptionist.

Eugene Nichols (CBS '81) was ordained to the ministry on December 8, 1983, at Independent Baptist Church, Clinton, MD. He is Administrator and Director of Education at the church's Bible institute and academy.

Steve (CBS '80) and **Annie (Hughes, WBC '77) Schappert**, GEM, Ireland, have had the truth of Scripture "hit home" as they see many "who hear the Word and respond to it, but for various reasons . . . fall away." Pray for those who have made professions of faith that they would remain true to Christ.

Also pray for **Annie**. She has begun an evangelistic home Bible study with two ladies. Steve is excited about teaching a Greek course for the Irish Bible School.

Philip "Jack" Toomes (WBC '83) accepted the position of Youth Minister at Belle View Baptist Church, VA, effective January 1, 1984.

1976 - 79

Tim Gregory (WBC '77) is a helicopter pilot stationed at the Naval Air Station, Norfolk, VA. He recently stopped by to visit WBC.

Glenn (CBS '79) and **Narci (Naas, WBC '78) Herr**, International Missions, Hong Kong, are thrilled with their two children, Joshie and Janelle, who were just dedicated to the Lord at the Yiu Gwong Church. They write, "In a very vivid way, these children are pointing out our utter dependence upon God. They are His children, not ours."

Denise Kachel (WBC '77), GMU, Ecuador, serves as receptionist/secretary for the office in Quito. We secretaries certainly appreciate the myriad of details involved in running an office! Couple that with the use of a foreign language and dealing with the people of a foreign land, and you can appreciate how much grace Denise needs to do a job well pleasing to the Lord.

Paul and Sung Hee (Jung, WBC '79) Kellner report that Paul returned to Northwestern University to continue his studies while still ministering at Korean Alliance Fellowship Church. Sung Hee is again teaching at the Korean Theological Seminary of Chicago, and involved with teacher training classes.

Stephen Mosely (CBS '77), BCU, Portugal, was home for a short furlough and participated in the WBC missionary conference in March. His church family just acquired a new location for the church services and rejoice in God's provision.

Daniel Swartz (CBS '79, WBC '74) accepted the pastorate of The Logos Christian Fellowship Church, Cadiz, KY, effective January 1984.

John (WBC '79) and **Marianne Theriault**, Dallas Theological Seminary, sent an update on God's goodness to John as he underwent serious surgery for a cyst and tumor behind his eardrum. After a successful recovery, John is now back in the classroom. The Lord wonderfully provided for their needs during John's recovery for which they give Him praise.

1971 - 75

Gary and Darlene (Carpenter) Beard (WBC '71), are serving together at Carroll Christian Academy, Westminster, MD. Gary is principal and Darlene is first grade teacher.

Steven Campen (WBC '75) announces the formation of a partnership, Campen & Silver, P.C., for the general practice of law. His office is located in Rockville, MD. Steve also serves as vice president of the Board of Directors for Christian Conciliation Service of Metropolitan Washington.

Larry (WBC '75) and **Donna Dahlborg**, Village Missions, NY, give praise for a special year at their church in Thurston. They ask special prayer for their goal of building strong Christian families with fathers who know how to lead. "A start has been made with a handful of fathers setting out to have daily family devotions."

Robert (WBC '72) and **Mary (Hershey) Dimlich**, Fellowship Bible Mission, MA, are pleased with their new Minolta copier which greatly helps with the reproduction of church materials. Bob is also teaching the Teacher Training Series from Emmaus Bible Correspondence School.

Tom Harris (WBC '73) graduated from Dallas Theological Seminary, May 2, 1983, and is now pastor of Christian Education at Potomac Chapel, McLean, VA.

Paul Johnson (WBC '75) pastor of Bible Baptist Church, Williamson, NY, wrote to tell us that his "new neighbors across the street" are **Mark and Jan (Nichols, WBC '75) Harris**. Jan and Mark are both teaching at Webster Christian School.

Wayne (WBC '74) and **Vickie (Harner, WBC '71) Jones** recently moved to the Naval Air Station, Alameda, CA. Wayne is a Navy chaplain endorsed by the IFCA. After serving three years in Hawaii, he is now assigned to USS California. Vickie and daughter, Christine, minister to the military families.

Kathy (Robinson, WBC '71-'73) Kuehn visited campus recently. She and her husband Steve (an electrical engineer) reside in Albuquerque, NM, and attend Hoffmantown Baptist Church. They are actively involved with weekly CEF Bible clubs. They have one daughter, Amy.

Charles Swaney (WBC '71) has been named national sales manager for Moody Press. His responsibilities include oversight of all religious and secular wholesale sales, and supervision of the sales representatives and Out-Wats operation. He and his wife **Sharon (Barnhart, WBC '72)** have four children.

1966 - 70

Keith and Linda (Call) Koch (WBC '67), were recently featured in the "Morning Cheer Leader" newsletter in which they shared their family vacations at Sandy Cove Bible Conference. Keith pastors Carrolan Woods Baptist Church, Lanham, MD, and they have six children.

Pat Spade (WBC '70) recently visited the WBC campus. Pat is a beauty consultant with Mary Kay Cosmetics and works part-time as an optician. She is actively involved in Sheridan Baptist Church, Hollywood, FL.

1945 - 65

Don (WBC '64) and **Joanne Alban**, Berean Mission, MO, have made their move to St. Louis and Don has settled into his new ministry as Associate Director of Candidate Ministries.

David (WBC '56) and **Elaine Hornberger** announce David's appointment as Assistant Director, U.S. Ministries, with the Africa Inland Mission. Elaine is coordinator of the Missions' volunteer program. They are now residing at the headquarters in Pearl River, NY. Their daughter, Becky, is a 1983 graduate of WBC.

Don (WBC '55) and **Irene Spurrier** have been serving the Lord faithfully for 27 years as directors of Harmony Heart Camp, Jermyn, PA. The Spurriers have four children (son Bob graduated from WBC in 1970) and are proud grandparents of seven grandchildren.

Former Faculty

Rod and Linnea (Danielson) Mueller are back in Iowa after a teaching tour in Great Britain. Rod is busy with orchestra and Linnea with her 15 piano students plus caring for the needs of little Jonathan.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following proud parents announce the arrival of their little ones.

Jonathan Daniel, born January 13, 1984, to **Dan** (CBS '81) and **Lillian Barnes**.

Jessy Varga, born February 14, 1984, to **Al** (CBS '83) and "**Duke**" (**Schwarm, WBC '76) Butkovich**.

Mark Thomas, born November 16, 1983, to **Randy and Sharon (Trout) Caudill** (WBC '82).

Philip Nathanael, born March 26, 1983, to **Paul and Laura (Heikkinen, WBC '78) Drouin**. Laura and Paul were married May 22, 1982, and are living in South Paris, ME, where they are both serving together in their home church.

Jill, born January 15, 1984, to **Jim** (WBC '74) and **Joan (Nekoroski, WBC '68) Dubbs**.

Daniel Meir, born March 19, 1983, to **Fred and Jeannie** (WBC '80) **Goldstein**.

Nicole Cherie, born January 21, 1984, to **Mark and Jan (Nichols, WBC '75) Harris**.

Stephen Daniel, born December 20, 1983, to **Al** (WBC Student) and **Sandy Hartman**.

Our special congratulations to **Dr. and Mrs. George Harton** on the birth of **George M. Harton, V**, on February 1, 1984. Dr. Harton is Assistant Professor of Practical Theology at CBS. Little George joins a family of three sisters.

Lauren Ashley, born August 18, 1983, to **Robert and Sarah (Eckberg, WBC '79) Hearn**.

Michael Keith, born January 14, 1984, to **Jay** (WBC '80) and **Laura Hollinshead**.

Dorothy Rose, born December 19, 1983, to **Charles** (WBC Student) and **Denise Kraebel**.

Janelle Cathryn, born July 8, 1983, to **Dale and Carin (Glenn) LeRoy** (WBC '80).

April Joy, born October 30, 1983, to **Paul and Barbara (Johnston, WBC '81) Millermon**.

Sarah Lynn, born September 11, 1983, to **Steve** (WBC '74) and **Nancy (Robinson, WBC '75) Neel**. Steve is pastoring South Columbia Baptist Church, Columbia, MD.

Ryan Daniel, born November 12, 1983, to **Dan** (CBS '83) and **Melody Nickel**. In July the Nickels were accepted into the fellowship of UFM International and appointed to serve in the Republic of Ireland.

Julie Elaine, born November 29, 1983, to **Joel** (WBC '80) and **Cheryl (Baker, WBC '81) Ralon**.

Nathaniel David, born August 28, 1983, to **Neil and Monica (Bond, WBC '77-'78) Rhen**. Monica and Neil were married September 10, 1982.

Katherine Anne, born January 13, 1984, to **Lon** (WBC '80) and **Debbie (Robey WBC '81) Santora**.

Justin Matthew, born May 10, 1983, to **Steve** (CBS '75 - '77) and **Flora Shive**.

Sarah Elizabeth, born December 27, 1983, to **David** (CBS '81) and **Cindy Smith**.

Jonathan Ross, born January 18, 1984, to **Mike** (CBS '81, WBC '77) and **Cheryl (Dougherty, WBC '78) Sperring**.

Carlton David, born November 28, 1983, to **Steve** (CBS '82) and **Marilyn Waterhouse**.

Special Note: David (WBC '83) and **Renee** (WBC '80) **Wheeler** rejoice that Gregory's adoption was finalized December 22, 1983. Their response: "what a great Christmas present!"

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding bells rang for the following couples:

Phyllis Eckardt and Lew Button (CBS '78, WBC '70) on September 24, 1983.

Linda Wilkerson and Ron Ericson (WBC '83) on January 28, 1984. Ron met his wife at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY, where they both are continuing their education.

Arlene Fletcher (WBC '82) and **Stephen Richardson** on December 27, 1983.

Sandra Grove (WBC '83) and **Matthew Sheers** on November 26, 1983.

Vicki Sutphin (WBC '78 - '82) and **G. Paul Moak** on November 12, 1983.

Susan Wilson (WBC '80) and **Allan Davenport** on March 26, 1983.

ALUMNI, YOU ARE INVITED

This is the year you will want to return to your alma mater. We would love to have you pay special tribute, with your presence, to Mr. Miles as he retires and to lend support to Dr. Fletcher as he assumes the leadership of WBC and CBS. Put **May 18 and 19** on your schedule and plan to be present for the testimonial dinners and commencement exercises. It will be a great time of fellowship and praise!

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HOLY LAND TOUR

May 27 - June 9, 1984

Come along for fourteen unforgettable days touring Jordan, Israel and Austria. Visit the Rose City of Petra, Ancient Jerash and Mt. Nebo. Walk in Old Jerusalem, along the shore of the Sea of Galilee or swim in the Mediterranean or Dead Sea. Then visit picturesque Vienna.

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CAPITAL BIBLE SEMINARY

May 28 - July 16, 6:30 - 9:40 P.M., Monday Evenings

EVANGELISM, MISSIONS AND CHRISTIAN LIFE
EXEGESIS OF 2 CORINTHIANS

Dr. George Harton
Dr. Richard Taylor

May 31 - July 19, 6:30 - 9:40 P.M., Thursday Evenings

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Dr. John Mulholland

Cost: \$249 per class

Application must be made in advance.

Registration Dates: May 7 and May 10, 6-6:30 P.M.

WASHINGTON BIBLE COLLEGE

Ten courses are available in the College program.

May 22 - June 1, 8 A.M. - 12 Noon, Tuesday through Friday

HEBREWS AND GENERAL EPISTLES

Mr. David Epstein

May 22 - June 8, 8 A.M. - 12 Noon, Tuesday through Friday

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Mrs. Catherine Anthony

June 4 - July 11, 6:30 - 9:20 P.M., Mondays and Wednesdays

CHRISTIAN LIFE
PRINCIPLES OF BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION
HYMNOLOGY

Mr. Lance Sparks
Mr. Andrew Knighting
Mr. E. James Bos

June 5 - July 10, 6:30 - 9:20 P.M., Tuesdays and Thursdays

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GOSPEL OF JOHN
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Mr. Philip Beña
Mr. Wallace Webster
Mr. Dan Esterline
Mrs. Carolyn Bowser

June 4 - 22

EVANGELISM PRACTICUM

This is an intensive three-week training program in open air evangelism conducted by Open Air Campaigners.

Cost: Tuition for each class is charged at the rate of \$82 per semester hour. Applications must be made by May 7.

ADULT EDUCATION

June 4 - July 24, Monday and Tuesday Evenings

Three courses will be offered each evening. Three courses are required for the Adult Education Diploma and three are elective courses.

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